

the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105-315); and

H.R. 1849, to establish the Oklahoma City National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, to designate the Oklahoma City Memorial Trust, amended (H. Rept. 105-316). **Pages H8726-27**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban: By a ye and nay vote of 296 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 500, the House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H8649-63**

Agreed to H. Res. 262, the rule that provided for consideration of the Senate amendments by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 499. **Pages H8640-49**

American Land Sovereignty Protection Act: By a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 504, the House passed H.R. 901, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on October 7. **Pages H8663-65**

Rejected:

The Farr amendment that sought to exempt the California Coastal Ranges Biosphere Reserve (rejected by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 501); **Pages H8663-64**

The Vento amendment that sought to expand the prohibition of lands to be designated to include commercial use under international agreements (rejected by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 502); and **Page H8664**

The Miller of California amendment that sought to strike Section 403 (b) relating to lands designated as a Biosphere Reserve under the Man and the Biosphere Program of the U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on or before the date of enactment (rejected by a recorded vote of 199 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 503). **Pages H8664-65**

The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of Tuesday, October 7. **Pages H8537-38**

VA, HUD Appropriations Conference Report: By a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 505, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2158, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent

agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Pages H8669-86**

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 261, the rule that waived points of order against consideration of the conference report. **Pages H8666-69**

Foreign Operations Authorizations—Motion to Instruct: By a recorded vote of 236 yeas to 190 noes, Roll No. 506, agreed to the Callahan motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, to insist upon the provisions contained in title XXI of the House bill (relating to United States policy with respect to forced abortion and foreign organizations that perform or promote abortion). **Pages H8686-91**

District Work Period: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 169, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses. **Page H8691**

Meeting Hour—October 9: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 9. **Page H8700**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8648-49, H8662-63, H8663-64, H8664, H8664-65, H8665-66, H8686, and H8690-91. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BANK EXAMINATION AND SUPERVISION SYSTEMS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on Current and Future Bank Examination and Supervision Systems. Testimony was heard from Tom McCool, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues Division, GAO; Susan Phillips, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Eugene Ludwig, Comptroller of the Currency; and Nicholas Retsinas, Acting Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Andrew C. Hove, Jr., Acting Chairman, FDIC; Lori A. Richards, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, SEC; Kathryn Gighlieri, Commissioner of Banking, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

LONG-TERM BUDGET PROBLEMS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on long-term budget problems relating to the retirement of the baby boomers. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

WORKER PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended H.R. 1625, Worker Paycheck Fairness Act.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE IMPROPRIETIES AND POSSIBLE LAW VIOLATIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Began discussions regarding "Campaign Finance Improprieties and Possible Violations of Law".

FEHB RATE HIKE—WHAT'S BEHIND THEM?

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "FEHB Rate Hikes—What's Behind Them?" Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; Joseph A. Antos, Assistant Director, Health and Human Resources, CBO; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—GSA'S GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS STRATEGIC PLAN

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Oversight of GSA's Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan. Testimony was heard from Dennis J. Fischer, Chief Financial Officer, GSA.

FREE AND FAIR REFERENDUM—PEOPLE OF WESTERN SAHARA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee amended H.Res. 245, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Africa Crisis Response Initiative. Testimony was heard from Marshall McCallie, Special Coordinator/ACRI, Bureau for Africa, Department of State; Vincent D. Kern, II, Deputy Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AMERICA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on an Overview of U.S. Policy toward South America and the President's Upcoming Trip to the Region. Testi-

mony was heard from Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow, Assistant Secretary, Inter-American Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2493, Forage Improvement Act of 1997.

The Committee also unfavorably reported H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 2607, District of Columbia Appropriations, Medical Liability Reform, and Education Reform Act of 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part 1 of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI. The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments printed in part 2 of the Rules Committee report, which may only be offered by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified and shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the voting time on any postponed question, provided that the voting time of the first in any series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Horn, Moran of Virginia, Sabo, Dixon, Hoyer, Meek of Florida, Norton and Jackson-Lee of Texas.

CONFERENCE REPORT—TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2169, Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 1998, and against its consideration. The rule

provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Obey and Sabo.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE STUDY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology-Third International Math and Science Study. Testimony was heard from Rodger W. Bybee, National Academy of Science; and public witnesses.

FOCUS ON WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with Focus on Women Business Enterprises. Testimony was heard from Jane Butler, Acting Associate Administrator, Financial Assistance, SBA; and public witnesses.

GSA LEASING PROGRAM AND POLICY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 GSA Leasing Program and General GSA Leasing Policy. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

VA MEDICAL CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the prevention of adverse events in the provision of VA medical care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; John Mather, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and the following Directors of VA Medical Centers: Elwood Headley, M.D., Boston; T. C. Doherty, Miami; and Bill Valentine, Muskogee.

MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT; RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AUTHORITIES ACT 1997

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2622, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and H.R. 2621, amended, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Conferees on Tuesday, October 7, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1078)

H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Signed October 7, 1997. (P.L. 105-55)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to hold hearings to examine the President's use of the line item veto on the 1998 Military Construction Appropriations bill, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on the Financial Accounting Standards Board and its proposed derivatives accounting standard, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on public health goals, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the feasibility of using bonding techniques to finance large-scale capital projects in the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine the outlook and consequences of a new United Nations climate change treaty as the United States prepares for the December convention in Kyoto, Japan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the pros and cons of NATO enlargement, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants, S. 474, to enforce regulations prohibiting the interstate or foreign transmission of gambling information against certain